

THE WEB.ICASS FEED



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WEB.ICASS 2.29 IS COMING SOON!!!

Release Date in Early April

Includes a new data verification report, faster access to worksheets, and more! Look out for an ALDAC in the near future. You can also check out the Software Release Notes for a full list of the changes, which the PASS office will publish shortly. We provide a link to these release notes directly from our website.

Upgrade as soon as possible and enjoy the new features!

NO NEED TO WAIT





Can I Work on my Final Budget Yet?

Most definitely! You can start working on your 2009 Final Budget whenever you're ready. Your final budget does not depend on the software upgrade. So even if you already started the work in the current version of the software, the upgrade will not have a negative impact on your

budget plan.

NON-ICASS CHANGES IN 2.29.00

Non-ICASS 2.29.00 Updates...No More DS



<u>What?</u> You're still entering data into the Non-ICASS DS worksheets? Say it ain't so!

Well with the upgrade to ICASS 2.29.00, that will surely change.

The information in the DS worksheets will be changed to read-only. That's right, you will no longer be able to add or edit any information for FY 2009 plans and beyond. But, wait...there's more...once you create your FY 2010 plan, any information in the Non-ICASS DS worksheets will be automatically deleted.

Fear not – you'll still be able to access these worksheets for your older plans. And yes, you *still* have to baseline the plan from the LGP BSW before you submit your OBO plan to Washington.



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AMSAL AND PAT UPDATES

Updated Amounts Already in Your Software

As part of the mid-February reference table update, we released updated amounts for American Salaries and Post Assignment Travel so that you can prepare your 2009 Final Budget. The specific dollar amounts are available on our website by clicking "Compensation Plan Schedule (Feb 09)." Once you baseline your budget plan forward to stage 3 (FINAL REQUIREMENTS), you'll see the updated amounts.



...But Not Too Early!!

Did you see the <u>ALDAC</u> regarding your final budget submission? We still encourage you to submit your final budget earlier than your due date if you're ready, but <u>do not submit before May 4th</u> because...



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....GDB IS GETTING A FACELIFT

New & Improved Global Database Coming Soon!!



The GDB will undergo closed door surgery from April 30 through May 3 as we upgrade the server with brand new hardware. No visitation rights are allowed until May 4th, so don't even try to submit your budget before then because if you do, you'll be rejected at the door.

Getting the new hardware in place before the budget submissions is in <u>everyone's</u> best interest – smoother transmissions for you and faster processing speeds for us. We appreciate your understanding!

